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SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND GSP: GOI REQUEST FOR CHANGES IN TEXT
OF PROPOSED NOTE
REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 4237, (B) STATE 154772

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED PROVIDE FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO
0ROPOSALS RAISED BY NEDIVI IN JULY 3 MEETING WITH
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2. FOR REASONS INDICATED REFTEL B, U.S. STRONGLY DESIRES TO HAVE AGRICULTURAL ITEM (24.02.1000) INCLUDED ON PRODUCT LIST. U.S. REQUEST WAS NOT "DISMISSED" DURING JUNE 24-27 CONSULTATIONS. OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT NEDIVI WOULD SEEK SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION ON THIS ITEM. WE ALSO EXPECT GOI TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS TO INITIAL TARIFF CUTS ON ITEMS LISTED REFTEL B (AND ALSO ON ITEMS 39.01.1059 AND 87.02.3091 ATTACHED AS ADDENDA TO PRODUCT LIST CARRIED BACK TO TEL AVIV BY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR DOZIER).

3. ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE GOI RESERVATION ABOUT USING MFN TERM, DROPPING DEFINITION OF WHAT DUTY IS BEING CITED WOULD ADD AMBIGUITY TO GOI ASSURANCES. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD WISH TO LEAVE TEXT AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY FINDS GOI FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT DROPPING MFN DESCRIPTION FROM TERM "DUTIES"

THROUGHOUT THE NOTE, WE WOULD WANT ADDED CLARIFYING PARAGRAPH WHICH WILL STATE THAT USE OF TERM DUTY OR DUTIES WILL BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN DUTIES LISTED ON ISRAEL'S SINGLE COLUMN TARIFF SCHEDULE WHICH IS APPLICABLE TO THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO WHICH ISRAEL DOES NOT EXTEND FREE TRADE AREA OR OTHER PREFERENTIAL TARIFF ADVANTAGES.

4. WE FIND CONFUSING GOI PROPOSAL TO CHANGE PARA 2 SUB-PARA C REFERENCE TO REFER TO PERIOD SPECIFIED BELOW. (PERIOD SPECIFIED ABOVE ON WHICH INITIAL TEXT AGREED REFERS TO "MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE." FOLLOWING PERIOD REFERS TO, "THREE MONTHS FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF ISRAELI STATISTICS..." WE PREFER THAT LANGUAGE BE LEFT AS IS OR, AS ALTER-NATIVE, THAT LANGUAGE BE CHANGED TO SPELL OUT "MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE."

5. TARIFF ITEM 48.01.9990 (SEE PARA 4, REF A) IS CORRECT. ALTHOUGH NOT SUBJECT TO TARIFF PREFERENCES UNDER EARLIER AGREEMENT, THIS ITEM IS SHOWN IN OFFICIAL EC ENGLISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LANGUAGE PUBLICATION OF EC-ISRAEL AGREEMENT (OFFICIAL JOURNAL, VOL. 18, L 136, 28 MAY 1975) AS SUBJECT TO ACCELERATED TARIFF CUTS. ISRAELI EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT THIS ITEM INCLUDED IN ACCELERATED LIST IN ERROR WHICH HAS BEEN CORRECTED. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONFIRM.

6. ISRAELI EMBASSY ALSO INFORMS US THAT NEDIVI VIEWS

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ITEM 73.10.1041 AS NEW REQUEST RE ITS INCLUSION IN PRODUCT LIST. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THIS ITEM WAS AMONG TARIFF LINE ITEMS ADDED AT BEGINNING OF CONSULTATIONS AND ACCEPTED BY GOI DELEGATION IN COURSE OF CONSULTATIONS.

7. WE INTEND TO PROVIDE CONGRESS A FAIRLY DETAILED SUMMARY OF ISRAELI ASSURANCES, AS PART OF FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF HIS INTENTION TO DESIGNATE COUNTRIES AS GSP BENEFICIARIES, WHICH IS REQUIRED BY SECTION 502(A)(1) OF THE TRADE ACT. WE DO NOT INTEND TO SUPPLY CONGRESS COPIES OF NOTE OR PRODUCT LIST. GOI SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT IF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OR OTHERS SEEK RELEASE OF TEXT AND PRODUCT LIST SUCH REQUESTS ARE LIKELY TO RESULT IN FULL DISCLOSURE AND POSSIBLE PUBLICATION. WE WOULD WELCOME SEPARATION OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF TEXT (RE MTN) PROPOSED BY GOI (PARA 3, REFTEL A). WE SUGGESTED TO NEDIVI DURING CONSULTATIONS HERE THAT THIS ISSUE BE HANDLED SEPARATELY. IF GOI IS INTERESTED IN SUCH APPROACH, U.S. ASSURANCE RE MTN COULD BE CONVEYED TO ISRAELI MISSION

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